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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

## In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, and 15 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A tableted gum comprising:

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a gum component including one or more gum chips; and

a tableting media wherein the tableting media has an average particle size that is smaller in size than the average particle size of the gum chips.

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8. (Amended) The tableted gum of claim 7 wherein the tableting media comprises a tableting powder, the gum chips being differently colored than the tableting powder.

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12. (Amended) A gum comprising a mixture of gum chips and tableting media in a tableted form wherein the gum chips have an average particle size greater than the average particle size of the tableting media.